"Come, Oh my dear brethren, and help me to sing; No music so charming, no look is so warming, It gives life and comfort and gladness within."—360 The Royal Band

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Welcome to our newsletter—your tunebook of news and notes for shape-note singers across Maryland and beyond! We're here to keep you in harmony with upcoming singings and happenings. Whether you sing from *The Sacred Harp*, *The Shenandoah Harmony*, or fresh-off-the-press *The Valley Pocket Harmonist*, this tradition thrives when voices come together. Inside, you'll find contact information for regional singing groups and a calendar highlighting upcoming all-day singings in our area.

See you in the hollow square!

Annapolis | First Saturdays / 2-4pm

(E-mail for location, we move!)

Books: *The Shenandoah Harmony*, *The Valley Pocket Harmonist*

Email: Thomas — fasolannapolis@gmail.com

Note: Email us for location and further details!

Baltimore | 2nd Mon. & 4th Tues. / 7-9:30pm

Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305 Harford Rd., Baltimore

2nd Mon: *The Shenandoah Harmony, The Sacred Harp*

4th Tues: *The Shenandoah Harmony, The Valley Pocket Harmonist*

Email: Nora or Isaac — baltimoreshapenote@gmail.com

Easton | (On Summer Hiatus)

Email: Topher — hieanon+fasola@gmail.com

Note: Email us for further details!

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Other regional groups to sing with:

Abbreviations: SHC = Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition, SHD = Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, ShH = Shenandoah Harmony, VPH = Valley Pocket Harmonist, CHM = Christian Harmony 2010

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Capitol Hill, 3rd Wednesday, 7-9pm, SHD + ShH

WHERE: Capitol Hill Presbyterian, 201 4th St SE, Washington, DC 20003
WEBSITE: dcshapenote.squarespace.com
CONTACT: Alexa Silverman, silvermanalexa@gmail.com & David Shulman, davids.wdc@gmail.com

Eckington, 2nd Sundays, ShH + VPH

WHERE: Eckington neighborhood of Washington, DC, email for address
WEBSITE: dcshapenote.squarespace.com
CONTACT: Mona Lewandoski, mona.lewandoski@gmail.com
NOTE: Email for address and to confirm dates. This sing takes place in a heated/air conditioned garage with water and bathroom access.

PENNSYLVANIA

Exeter/Burks County, 3rd & 4th Sundays, 5:30-8pm, SHD

WHERE: 191 Meetinghouse Road, Douglassville, PA 19518
WEBSITE: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com
CONTACT: Ted Stokes, 610-689-4083 or EdwardBStokes@gmail.com

Lancaster, First Sunday, 3-5:30pm, SH

WHERE: (email contact for location)
WEBSITE: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com
CONTACT: Elizabeth Patton, sacredharp.lanc.pa@gmail.com

Philadelphia, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:45pm SHD or ShH

WHERE: DuBois-Robeson People's Center, 4515 Baltimore Ave
WEBSITE: phillysacredharp.org
CONTACT: Rachel Hall, 215-605-1621 or rachelwellshall@gmail.com

Philadelphia, 2nd Saturday, 3-5:30pm SHD

WHERE: Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, 6133 Germantown Ave
WEBSITE: phillysacredharp.org
CONTACT: Sophie Sokolov, sophiegsokolov@gmail.com

VIRGINIA

Northern Shenandoah Valley, 3rd Saturdays, 3-6pm, SHD+ShH+VPH

WHERE: 2336 Salem Church Rd, Boyce, VA 22620
WEBSITE: www.shenandoahharmony.com
CONTACT: Kelly Macklin, skmack02@gmail.com
NOTE: Stay for potluck and conversation!

Richmond, 1st Tuesday, 7-9pm & 3rd Sunday, 2-4pm, SHD + ShH

WHERE: St.Giles Presbyterian Church 5200 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23226
CONTACT: Adrienne, adrienne.e.robertson@gmail.com

Rivanna, 1st Saturday, 10-Noon, SHD + ShH + VPH

WHERE: Social Hall, Unitarian Universalist; 717 Rugby Road; Charlottesville, VA 22903
CONTACT: John, john.alexanderj@gmail.com

Regional All-Day Singings:

(Details may change. You can confirm and find more at SHAPENOTESINGINGS.COM)

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AUGUST ◥●■◆

30 **Maidencreek All-Day** (PA) SHD
Maiden Creek Friends Meeting, 27 W Shore Dr, Hamburg, PA 19526
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

OCTOBER ◥●■◆

4 **Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing** (PA) SHC
Sadsbury Meeting, 1089 Simmontown Road, Gap, PA 17527
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

4 **Baltimore-Washington Shenandoah H. All-Day** (MD) ShH
Annapolis Friends Meetinghouse 351 Dubois Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401
marylandshapenote.org

NOVEMBER ◥●■◆

1 **James River All-Day** (VA) SHD + ShH
St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5200 Grove Ave, Richmond VA 23226
adrienne.e.robertson@gmail.com

DECEMBER ◥●■◆

6 **Philadelphia All-Day** (PA) ShH
St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, 3916 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

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JANUARY ◥●■◆

24–25 **Keystone Convention (**PA) SHD + CHM
The Rotunda, 4014 Walnut St, Philadelphia PA, 19104
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

APRIL ◥●■◆

11–12 **Potomac River Convention** (MD/VA) SHD + ShH
Sat: TBA
Sun: Lacey Woods Park, 1200 N George Mason Dr, Arlington, VA 22205
dcshapenote.squarespace.com

25 **Oliver Kindig-Stokes Memorial** (PA) SHD
Hope Born in Christ Church, 2600 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

JUNE ◥●■◆

6–7 **Northern Shenandoah Valley** (VA) SHD + ShH
110 North Church St. Berryville, VA 22611
shenandoahharmony.com

14 **Exeter All-Day Singing** (PA) SHD + ShH
Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518
pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON SHENANDOAH HARMONY ALL-DAY SINGING *is back!*

Join us for the 8th Annual singing on **October 4th** for spirited singing and dinner on the grounds. Find out more at:

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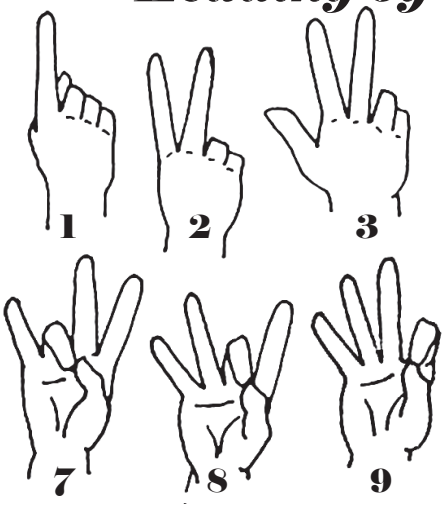
Leading by the numbers!



The front bench of the tenor section is expected to help the rest of the "class." Notifying them what the next verse is, by use of hand signals, is one of them. Adopting the hand numbers from ASL could allow us to have a "common language" in the US and Canada, and give clear signals for up to 9 verse numbers with just one steady hand.

Where to get tunebooks mentioned in this newsletter?

Most singings you attend should have "loaners," but you are encouraged to get your own book so you can learn more of the tunes outside of the hollow square, and also, save the loaners for the next newcomer!

Christian Harmony (Modern Edition) www.christianharmony2010.com

Christian Harmony (Heritage Edition) www.christianharmony.org

Sacred Harp (Denson Revision) www.originalsacredharp.com

Sacred Harp (Cooper Revision) www.sacredharpbook.com

Shenandoah Harmony & Valley Pocket Harmonist www.shenandoahharmony.com

The Southern Harmony (Available on Amazon, B&N, and other sites)

SingLoud.org is a blog, podcast and archive of materials on shape-note music and history, written by and for shape-note enthusiasts.